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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: Unassigned MICHIO KOHNO Group Art Unit: 2872 Application No.: 09/342,210 June 29, 1999 Filed: January 4, 2000 ILLUMINATION OPTICAL For: SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the U.S. patent listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the listed patent is also enclosed.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

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